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The Honorable H. Abram Wilson  
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**Subject: Acceptance of Sewage from Larwin Pump Station**

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Dear Mayor Wilson:

At the DSRSD/San Ramon Liaison Committee meeting of July 6, 2004, your members asked that this letter be provided to clarify Dublin San Ramon Services District's (DSRSD) intentions regarding the acceptance of sewage from the Larwin Pump Station.

In way of background information, a portion of the area in San Ramon served by the Larwin Pump Station was originally in the DSRSD service area. When development occurred, DSRSD lacked wastewater treatment capacity to serve the entire area. To avoid delays to development, the area was annexed to Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) and the original Larwin Pump Station was constructed. Subsequently, the area was de-annexed from DSRSD. When Dougherty Valley was proposed, the Cities of Livermore and Pleasanton and the East Bay Dischargers Authority opposed the increased treatment and disposal capacity required to allow DSRSD to serve Dougherty Valley. The solution selected by CCCSD was the tunnel to bring sewage from Dougherty Valley to the Larwin Pump Station for pumping to CCCSD for treatment and disposal.

Service area limitations in the Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency (LAVWMA) JPA of which DSRSD is a member, the limited disposal capacity in the recently expanded LAVWMA disposal pipeline, and service area annexation issues preclude DSRSD from accepting sewage from the area tributary to the Larwin Pump Station. DSRSD has no plans now or in the near future to initiate a process to obtain approval to accept sewage, on a permanent basis, from the service area currently served by the Larwin Pump Station.

DSRSD/EBMUD Recycled Water Authority (DERWA) is studying options to increase the supply of recycled water during the high demand summer period. One possibility is diverting some or all the sewage only in the hottest summer months from the Larwin Pump Station to DSRSD when DSRSD has excess wastewater treatment capacity. Over time, as the DSRSD service area grows, the diversion would be reduced because of treatment capacity constraints. DERWA plans to complete their study of options by the end of the year. However, if selected,


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this option would only reduce or avoid the use of the Larwin Pump Station on average a few weeks a year over a 10-year period.

One action DSRSD and CCCSD are taking with regard to the Larwin Pump Station is to develop an emergency mutual aid and cooperation agreement. The DSRSD trunk sewer adjacent to the Larwin Pump Station was sized for the original Larwin service area and has adequate capacity during most times of the year to accept sewage normally pumped to CCCSD by the Larwin Pump Station, if there was an emergency condition. District staff is preparing a mutual aid letter agreement with CCCSD that will allow CCCSD, under specified conditions, to bypass the Larwin Pump Station to this trunk sewer for short periods of time in emergencies so as to minimize or avoid overflows to local streets and the creek. This mutual aid letter agreement will not only provide a safeguard to the health and welfare of San Ramon citizens and DSRSD customers but will also provide a safeguard for the environment. DSRSD stands ready to continue to cooperate with CCCSD in mutual aid in any way possible.

The DSRSD Board of Directors discussed this letter on August 3rd and the Board approved the final form as recommended by the Wastewater Committee on August 17th. The Board hopes this letter provides the information requested by your Liaison Committee. If San Ramon identifies any area where DSRSD may be of service with an issue related to the Larwin Pump Station, please feel free to request our assistance at any time.

Sincerely,



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President, Board of Directors

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cc C Batts, General Manager, CCCSD